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SUBJECT: FY-78 AF CONSULAR CONFERENCE

1. DEPARTMENT PLANS TO HOLD A CONSULAR CONFERENCE FOR EAST AND SOUTHERN AFRICAN POSTS IN VICTORIA, SEYCHELLES SEPTEMBER 18-22. CONFERENCE WILL BE CHAIRED BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY WATSON AND WILL INCLUDE PARTICIPATION BY SCS, PPT, VO, INS, AND OTHERS.

2. AGENDA WILL FOCUS ON CA'S EFFORTS TO CONTINUALLY IMPROVE CONSULAR SERVICES. PARTICULAR EMPHASIS WILL BE PLACED ON WORKSHOPS AND FIELD PARTICIPATION. EACH ADDRESSEE POST IS URGED TO SUGGEST WORKSHOP TOPICS AND ADVISE CA OF ANY CONSULAR-RELATED PROBLEM/ISSUE IT WISHES DISCUSSED AT CONFERENCE. DEPARTMENT PLANS SEND AGENDA TO POSTS AT LEAST ONE WEEK PRIOR TO CONFERENCE OPENING AND, THEREFORE, WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING POST INPUT NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1.

3. DEPARTMENT EXPECTS CONFERENCE TO BE ATTENDED BY ONE REPEAT ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH ADDRESSEE POST. IF THIS PRESENTS A PROBLEM FOR SMALLER CONSTITUENT POSTS PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST. FOR THOSE POSTS WITH MORE THAN ONE OFFICER HANDLING CONSULAR WORK, TO ENSURE MAXIMUM BENEFIT TO BOTH POSTS AND DEPARTMENT, OFFICER SELECTED TO ATTEND CONFERENCE SHOULD BE THE ONE HANDLING THE MOST PROBLEMATIC RESPONSIBILITIES OR THOSE IN WHICH THE POST FEELS MOST INEXPERIENCED, AND IF POSSIBLE POST SHOULD SEND OFFICER WHO EXPECTS TO REMAIN AT POST FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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SIX MONTHS OR MORE FOLLOWING CONFERENCE. PRIORITY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THOSE OFFICERS WHO DID NOT ATTEND LAST YEAR'S CONSULAR CONFERENCE. IF TRANSFERS NECESSITATE SELECTION OF NEWLY ASSIGNED OR ABOUT TO DEPART OFFICER, HE/SHE SHOULD BE BRIEFED BY PREDECESSOR OR BRIEF SUCCESSOR ON SIGNIFICANT LOCAL CONSULAR ISSUES.

4. CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT BEAU VALLON BAY HOTEL. SINGLE ROOM (WITH BATH) COSTS \$36-39, DEPENDING ON MEAL PLAN SELECTED, DOUBLE ROOM (WITH BATH) \$46-50. EMBASSY VICTORIA HAS MADE TENTATIVE RESERVATIONS FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS AT BEAU VALLON. BECAUSE HOTEL REQUIRES CONFIRMATION ON NUMBER OF ROOMS BY SEPTEMBER 1, POSTS SHOULD ADVISE VICTORIA, INFO DEPARTMENT, NAME OF PARTICIPANT, BASIS FOR SELECTION, ROOM REQUIREMENTS (SINGLE OR DOUBLE), AND ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE INFORMATION (INCLUDING FLIGHT NUMBERS) BY THAT DATE.

5. CABS ARE AVAILABLE FROM AIRPORT BUT NOT IN GREAT NUMBER. TAXI FARE IS SEYCHELLES RUPEES 40 OR \$5.50. RESOURCES PERMITTING, EMBASSY VICTORIA WILL ATTEMPT MEET PARTICIPANTS.

6. NO VISAS ARE REQUIRED BY AMERICANS. CHOLERA,
SMALLPOX AND YELLOW FEVER INNOCULATIONS ARE MANDATORY.

7. EACH POST SHOULD PREPARE TRAVEL ORDERS FOR ITS
PARTICIPANT, TRAVEL EXPENSES CHARGEABLE TO POST OPERATING
FUNDS. SUGGEST POSTS ALLOCATE FUNDS AT THIS EARLY DATE
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